

at least one reciprocal optical rotator and at least one non-reciprocal optical rotator optically coupled to the polarization beam-splitter at a side opposite to the optical rotator, and a lens optically coupled to the at least one reciprocal optical rotator and the at least one non-reciprocal optical rotator at a side opposite to the polarization beam-splitter.

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2000. Claims 1-37 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 8, 15-27, and 32-37 are rejected. Claims 3-7 and 9-14 are objected to. Claims 28-31 are allowed. Claims 1-27 and 32-37 have been canceled. Claims 38-41 have been added. Claims 38-41 remain pending in this application.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 28-31.

Claims 3-7 and 9-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has added claims 38-41. New claim 38 recites the limitations in claims 1 and 3; new claim 39 recites the limitations in claims 1 and 9; new claim 40 recites the limitations in claims 15, 16, and 17; and new claim 41 recites the limitations in claims 15 and 23. Applicant thus submits that claims 38-41 are allowable.

Since claims 1-2, 8, 15-27 and 32-37 have been canceled, the Examiner's rejections of these claims are thus moot.

Therefore, for the above identified reasons, Applicant submits that claims 28-31 and 38-41 are patentable. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims as now presented.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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